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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement # 39 Emergency Order: 45

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in King Salmon with an announcement for Egegik and update for Ugashik District fishermen. The time is 3:00 p.m. and the date is **Thursday**, **July 5**, 2012.

In Egegik: Escapement at the tower on July 4 was 150,000. Catch on July 4 was 742,000. The 6:00 am count was 35,000. Through July 4, cumulative catch is 2.5 million and cumulative escapement is 468,000. The fish that passed into the Egegik River yesterday are passing the tower.

Commercial fishing will be permitted with drift gillnet gear from 5:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Friday, June 6.....a 16 hour opener. Commercial fishing will be permitted with set gillnet gear from 1:45 p.m. until 9:45 p.m. Friday, July 6, 2012.....an 8-hour opener.

In Ugashik: escapement July 4 was 1,700. Through July 4, cumulative catch is 1.2 million and cumulative escapement is 36,000.

In river test fish indices have begun to fall behind desired levels. Escapement is inriver but volume is unconfirmed as the fish are moving slowly. The Ugashik district will take Friday off to provide for escapement. We will try to fly an aerial survey of the lagoon tomorrow.

Fishermen in Egegik and Ugashik Districts should stand by at 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 6 for the next possible announcement.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in King Salmon.

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